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WILSON READY TO ACT; BREAK HOURLY EXPECTED AS CABINET ENDS SESSION; HONOLULU HARBOR IS GUARDED

OPENING SESSION OF HEARING IN FAVOR OF DR. AYER

Matter of Addition to Drugs Comes Up But is Dismissed By Committee Members

Despite the fact that at the outset of the hearing in the matter of the charges made against Dr. R. G. Ayer held before the police committee of the board of supervisors it was determined to "at first" go into the charges in the Nagle case only, the question of whether the accused hospital surgeon is added to some drug habit cropped up at the afternoon session.

The question as to whether Dr. Ayer is addicted to the use of some drug came up at the session this afternoon when Werner Roehl, superintendent of the Queen's hospital, declared that he could prove it.

When asked to do so by Larsen, Roehl said that last February he had gone into Dr. Ayer's office and found him asleep in a chair with a hypodermic syringe in front of him.

"I suppose," asked Larsen, "that if you had just given a patient a drink of brandy and, having set the bottle on the table, gone to sleep, you would be drunk?" Roehl said that he would not.

Attorney Carden asked if the hypodermic had been used and Roehl said he did not know. He said that Dr. Ayer did not have his coat on.

Dr. Ayer shows his arms.

At this point Dr. Ayer jumped up and took off his coat exposing his arms and called upon Dr. Wayson to state whether they showed the use of drugs.

Wayson said: "It is not necessary to use the needle to the arm."

There was, however, no indication of needle points in Dr. Ayer's arms.

Dr. Ayer offered to bring a certificate from a reputable physician that he was free from and in no wise a victim of any drug habit.

The committee said this offer would suffice and that it was not necessary that the committee go into the matter of drugs or into anything outside the Nagle case charges at this hearing.

A. E. Carter, police officer, said this afternoon that he heard Nagle say to Dr. Ayer, "Doctor, take me to a hospital and take care of me." He also gave the information that Nagle was picked up back of Pier 15.

Edwards explains connection.

John Edwards, business manager of the Sailors' Union, was the first witness this afternoon. He affirmed that Nagle was perfectly satisfied with the bill for \$50 when it was paid. He said the reason he took up the case was because he thought the bill would be much higher, but when he found the hospital bill was only \$42.50 and Dr. Ayer's \$50 he dropped the matter.

That the action of Dr. R. G. Ayer, emergency hospital physician, charged by Mayor Lane with official misconduct in the care of Peter Nagle, a sailor, was entirely in keeping with the customs at the Queen's Hospital was the sum of the evidence heard this morning at the investigation being held by the police committee of the board of supervisors.

That Dr. Ayer can successfully meet any other charges later was the expressed opinion of Supervisor Larsen.

The four witnesses heard this morning were Peter Nagle, who claims that the bill of \$50 rendered by Dr. Ayer is exorbitant and around which the case hangs; John K. Clark, manager of Hind-Rolph company, is agent for the ship John Ena, which brought Nagle here and with which firm Nagle had a credit amounting to over \$400; Dr. P. F. Alsop, interne at the Queen's Hospital, who cared for Nagle and to whom it was that Dr. Ayer offered part of the \$50, and G. W. Smith, president of the board of directors of the Queen's Hospital.

Strong Point Brought.

The principal points brought out in the evidence this morning was that no patient with money could go to the Queen's Hospital without first obtaining the services of a private physician, who would assume all responsibility, although a large share of the actual care of the patient may fall upon the internes and nurses of the hospital; that Nagle had \$400 to his credit at the Hind-Rolph office and had gone to the hospital as a private patient because the marine hospital would not let him in because officials there claimed that he was drunk, and when he ordered Hind-Rolph to pay the \$50 Nagle said he believed the charge fair.

At the opening of the investigation A. M. Brown, city attorney, who carried on the cross-examination for the committee, asked just what points should be considered. "There have been rumors concerning Dr. Ayer other than those recorded in the mayor's charge," Brown said, "and I wish to know if they shall also be gone into. It is said that Dr. Ayer uses drugs. I

War Specials Show Losses

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Stocks were heavy but feverish today at the opening of the exchange session, there being an absence of any encouragement in the international situation.

Losses of from one to four points were registered in the leading specialties, such as Texas Oil, Industrial Alcohol, while others, such as Erie and Crucible Steel, were under yesterday's lowest.

United Steel opened unchanged but was soon at the yielding point. Reading, American Locomotive and Beet Sugar made gains. Trading was moderate.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

	Yesterday	Today
Alaska Gold	8 1/4	8 1/2
American Smelter	94 1/2	98
American Sugar Rfg.	105 1/4	106 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	123 1/2	124 1/2
Anacosta Copper	72	73 1/2
Atchafalaya	100 1/4	102 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	45	50
Baltimore & Ohio	75	75 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	340	370
Calif. Petroleum	20 1/2	23
Canadian Pacific	155 1/4	158
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	84 1/2	85 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	39	41 1/4
Crucible Steel	51 1/4	54 1/4
Erie Common	25 1/4	27 1/4
General Electric	161 1/2	162 1/2
General Motors, New	102	104
Great Northern Pfd.	113 1/4	113 1/2
Inter. Navy, N. Y.	31 1/2	32
Kennecott Copper	43 1/2	40
Lehigh R. R.	73	73 1/2
New York Central	92 1/4	96 1/2
Pennsylvania	54	55 1/4
Ray Consol.	28 1/4	23 1/2
Reading Common	90 1/4	93
Southern Pacific	92 1/4	94
Studebaker	96	99 1/4
Texas Oil	205	211
Union Pacific	133 1/4	136 1/2
U. S. Steel	100 1/4	102 1/2
Utah	104	103 1/4
Western Union	93 1/4	94
Westinghouse	47 1/4	49 1/2
May Wheat	1.60 1/4	1.63 1/4

*Bid. †Ex-dividend. ‡Unquoted.

KOSKUL, AVIATOR, AWAITS MACHINE

Honolulu will soon have its own aviator. Ralph B. Koskul, assistant foreman in the Schuman Carriage Company shops, now has a big flying boat on its way from Detroit, and is expecting its arrival in a few weeks. The big machine has already been shipped, according to advices in latest mail from the mainland.

Koskul said today that he will build an aerodrome somewhere on the beach at Waikiki in which to house his flying boat. Preliminary plans which he has drawn call for a building 42 feet square and 12 feet in height. From it he hopes to make flights out across the water.

"My purpose in getting a machine down here was partly for sport and partly for experiment with an automatic stabilizer for aeroplanes which I have devised," said Koskul, who has flown in big cities of the Atlantic coast, especially in Philadelphia, where he constructed flying machines on a big scale.

This stabilizer, as explained by the inventor, is calculated to keep a flying machine in proper position for a convenient time without the operator's hands on the levers. Also it is said to help greatly in preventing the machine's rocking as it comes to the level after a turn.

As a member of the Aero Club of Hawaii Koskul has written to the governor asking permission to fly. He expresses his interest in flying both as a sport and for its advantages as a means of defending the islands in case of war.

Koskul's motor is 150 horse power, with eight cylinders, and should drive a machine at the rate of 75 miles an hour, remaining five hours in the air. It will carry a dead weight of 450 pounds, including fuel. The wing spread is 36 feet, with a distance of five and one-half feet between the two planes.

HONOR COL. ATKINSON IN FAREWELL DINNER

Officers and ladies of the 32nd Infantry will hold a farewell dinner tonight at the University Club in honor of Col. B. W. Atkinson, transferred by recent orders to the mainland. Col. Atkinson will leave on the transport Sheridan, which is expected here early Sunday morning.

Late News At A Glance

JAPAN PASSES OBJECTION TO ANTI-ALIEN BILLS
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—Japan's representation to the United States government against the Idaho and Oregon state legislative bills, modeled along the California anti-ali-en law, are considered no less serious than those made against the California act, though in the present case the representations are informal. It is represented to Washington that the state of feeling in Japan is serious and that Japanese statesmen wishing to preserve friendly relations fear that the legislation may force the home situation beyond their control.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2.—The Oregon anti-ali-en land bill was today withdrawn on account of the international situation.

PHYSICIANS TESTIFY BEFORE GRAND JURY
A former school teacher at Ewa, who resigned recently, was a witness before the territorial grand jury this afternoon in a matter which City Attorney Brown termed "merely an investigation." The woman was given an opportunity to resign as a teacher and did so. The second witness called was Dr. W. H. Ketchum, who accompanied the woman to court. Other physicians summoned to appear this afternoon were Drs. Carl Keller and F. F. Alsop. The strictest secrecy is being maintained as to the nature of the investigation.

City attorney Brown this afternoon expected to present the following other cases for investigation: Augustine Coddy, larceny; Ikaro Asano, assault with intent to murder; Charles Cash and Kuani, burglary; James Hunter, assault with a weapon.

Mooney's Fate May Hinge Upon Woman's Clothes

Identification of Hat and Dress Become Important Points in "Bomber's" Trial

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 2.—The exact shape of a hat and the alleged presence of a row of white buttons on a dress today, by a picture-sequently dramatic turn in the testimony, became part of the life-and-death issue in the trial of Thomas J. Mooney, charged with complicity in slaying the ten victims of the explosion during San Francisco's "preparedness" parade last July.

The hat and the dress were worn, the defense claims, by the wife of the accused man, the wife swearing that her husband was with her over a mile away from the scene of the explosion, at Stewart and Market streets. Mrs. Mooney declares the dress and hat worn by her can be identified as the same garments worn by the woman shown in the photograph taken of the roof of a building some distance from the scene of explosion.

The defense is trying to show that it would have been impossible for Mooney and his wife to have reached Stewart and Market streets from where they were on the roof. In the photo a street clock is shown with its hands pointing to one minute after 2 in the afternoon, a few minutes prior to the explosion. The prosecution declares that the photograph corroborates its own story of Mooney's movements. Mrs. Mooney is to be given a separate trial later.

On the stand later, Mooney corroborated his wife's testimony. He also declared that F. C. Oxman of Oregon, who had identified him as a man he saw near the scene of explosion, had not picked him out from among several hundred prisoners at the jail, as Oxman had been said to do, but that both he and his wife had been pointed out to Oxman.

WILL SEEK MONEY FOR PLAYGROUNDS

A bill providing for a biennial appropriation of \$3000 for the establishment of free playgrounds throughout the territory, Honolulu included, is now being drafted and will be presented to the legislature.

This announcement, which is of importance because of the present crowded condition of the local playgrounds and the absence of adequate playgrounds on the other islands, was made today at a meeting of the Free Kindergarten and Children's Aid Association. The legislature is asked to set aside \$1500 a year for this new work. While this would not be enough to maintain playgrounds now in existence, the association feels it would create an impetus for increased work in this line. The bill also provides that any new playgrounds be under the direction of the association.

Mrs. William Hoogs, Jr., in her report on the Beretania playground, said that the average daily attendance there has doubled since January, 1916. During the coming summer the Palama Settlement will conduct a vacation school at Kailua, and in this connection the association intends to conduct its playground work along more advanced educational lines.

The use of an unused lot next to the Miller street kindergarten has been granted the association by the land commissioner. Miss Mary Lucas, superintendent, has personally raised money to clear the lot and plant grass, and the space will be used as a playground.

Hospital Ships Receive Teuton Orders On Routes

Berlin Announces Allies Have Been Using Exempt Vessels for Carrying Munitions

(German Official)

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 2.—The German government has convincing evidence in hand that hostile hospital ships have been frequently misused for the transportation of ammunition and troops. The government has communicated these proofs to the British and French governments by diplomatic means. At the same time it has declared that passage of hospital ships on military routes of the hostile army engaged in France and Belgium within the lines of Flamborough head and Terschelling, on one hand, and the Thames and Land's End on the other hand shall be no more so treated.

The hostile powers are free to use hospital ships for the transportation of wounded and sick army members on routes outside this district. In case they are further misused, hospital ships, as against nations' law, the barring of other sea routes is reserved by the imperial government.

Huge Tonnage Is Sunk By Germans

(German Official)

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 2.—During December 152 hostile merchant ships, totaling 329,000 gross tons, were lost by the war activities of the Central Powers. Of these, 240,000 tons were English. Besides 65 neutral ships of 89,500 gross tons were sunk on account of transportation contracts to and from enemy ports.

The December result therefore totals 415,500 gross tons.

Since the beginning of the war to December 31, 1916, therefore, adding the losses which only later during the year became known, the hostile powers have lost 4,021,500 tons by the war measures of the Central Powers, of which 3,069,000 tons were English.

This is almost 15 per cent of the total English tonnage at the beginning of the war.

During the same time, by the sea forces of the Central Powers, 401 neutral ships with 537,500 gross tonnage, on account of their carrying contraband or being condemned as prizes, have been taken by the Central Powers.

HUGHES ASKS BACKING FOR WILSON IN CRISIS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 2.—"Back up the president, this is no time for fault finding or carping criticism." In these words former Associate Justice Hughes and presidential candidate on the Republican ticket at the last general election, outlined his attitude toward the present super-crisis, which he declared now confronts the nation. "Do nothing and say nothing that would embarrass the administration," he told his hearers at a dinner given last night by the members of the Brown University Alumni.

"Every loyal American should be prepared to stand behind Mr. Wilson now," he said in conclusion.

Nicaragua's most important exports are coffee, gold, hides, bananas and cabinet woods. Exports of rubber have fallen off in the last few years.

The value of the natural abrasives produced in this country last year increased about 33 per cent and of artificial abrasives about 26 per cent.

WATCH PORTS WHERE GERMAN SHIPS TIED UP

Treasury Department Orders Collectors of All U. S. Ports to "Enforce Neutrality"; Cruiser St. Louis to Keep Eye on All Vessels Leaving Harbor

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—The collectors of every custom port in the United States, Porto Rico and Hawaii were today instructed through the treasury department, acting at the request of the navy department, to exercise the utmost vigilance to enforce the neutrality laws.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 2.—Collector of the Port Davis today asked destroyers and revenue cutters to patrol San Francisco bay, where three German merchant vessels are tied up. The U. S. coast guard cutter McCulloch is already in port. The measures are described as merely precautionary.

NIAGARA IS FIRST VESSEL COMING UNDER NEW NEUTRALITY RULE

This afternoon Acting Collector of Customs Raymer Sharp said that within the last 36 hours orders had been received from Washington that the captains of all boats leaving Honolulu for foreign ports will be required to sail close to the United States cruiser St. Louis, which has been anchored at the harbor entrance for the last four or five days, and will be required to display their signal numbers.

If the St. Louis is notified by the acting collector of the port that the vessel going out is not violating any of the neutrality regulations of the United States, she will be allowed to go to sea. If such notification is not given the cruiser will not allow her to leave the harbor.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the first clearance of any vessel under the new order was made, when the acting collector authorized the Canadian-Australasian liner Niagara, of British registry, to steam for Victoria and Vancouver, and notified the St. Louis to allow her to proceed.

'Leak' Not Yet Fixed

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 2.—The testimony of F. A. Connelly of F. A. Connelly & Company, Washington correspondents of Hutton & Company of New York, was disputed today during the course of the "leak" hearing before the house rules committee. Every telegraph operator in the employment of Hutton disputed Connelly regarding the sending of the resume of the president's note. Connelly had said the information was mere rumor, given him by persons whose names he could not remember. Bolling, the president's brother-in-law, is a member of Connelly's firm.

TAFT DENOUNCES TEUTON CAMPAIGN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

CONCORD, New Hampshire, Feb. 2.—The German policy, as stated in the note of warning to the neutral powers, announcing the extension of their blockade of the Entente countries and their intention to sink without consideration all shipping found within the extended sea areas, was denounced yesterday by William Howard Taft, in an address before the state legislature.

The assumption of a right to so restrict shipping is grossly unwarranted in law and precedent, declared the former president, who stated that the measure proposed by Germany should emphasize greatly the necessity on the part of the United States of hastening its program to provide for an adequate military and naval means of defense and a general preparedness to resist unjust aggression.

PEGGY CENTER CONCERT CHARMS SCHOFIELD FOLK

A highly enthusiastic audience of approximately 1000 persons greeted Peggy Center last night at Schofield Barracks. Madame Melba was present with her student, and the concert was practically the same as given in Honolulu on Miss Center's first public appearance here.

LANSING REFUSES QUESTIONS REGARDING RUMOR WARNING IS SERVED ON VON BERNSTORFF

Neutral Countries of Europe Take Measures to Save Shipping From Ruthless Warfare of U-Boats—Americans Hurrying Home

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—The crisis that has brought the United States and Germany to the very breaking-point in relations has now swung onward to the point of action, it was learned absolutely late today.

With countless rumors filling the air, the startling fact is that the United States is on the eve of a very serious act, whose nature has not been disclosed.

Immediately after the cabinet meeting—which lasted two and one-half hours today—the president hurried to the capitol to discuss the situation with Chairman Stone of the senate committee on foreign relations.

At the conclusion of the meeting, during which the men were closely alone, Senator Stone declined to make any announcement.

Secretary Lansing said that the president would discuss the situation with Senator Stone, who had previously been assured that his committee would be consulted before the United States breaks relations.

Lansing also made the significant statement that in his opinion it would be better if the American line—St. Louis, which is due to leave for Europe tomorrow, does not sail, and he would so advise the International Mercantile Marine.

One cabinet member broke the rule of silence sufficiently to say that in the very near future will develop something "very, very serious."

The cabinet agreed, it is learned, that the United States could not countenance interference with American rights as proposed in the German note. Whether immediate action has been taken or whether an overt act by Germany is being awaited, is not made clear.

There is talk of the president addressing a joint session of Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—Senator Stone of Missouri, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations, is returning here from St. Louis hurriedly. He has refused to acknowledge that the European developments are hastening his return and declines to make any comment on the situation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—Immediate construction of 100 submarines, 50 for coast defense and 50 for a sea-fleet, are proposed in a special bill introduced in the senate this afternoon by Senator Miles Poindexter of Washington. These are to be in addition to the 18 proposed in the regular naval program, which is now pending.

PARIS, France, Feb. 2.—The French government today decided to mobilize for the purpose of national defense the entire civilian population of the country between the ages of 16 and 60, both male and female.

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 2.—Lloyd's despatches says that to the toll of vessels sunk as reported early in the day are now added the British steamer Eosante, the Spanish steamer Algorta and the British trawler Violet and the Belgian trawler Marcelle.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—What course of action is shaping itself under the hand of President Wilson, as a result of Germany's new "ruthlessness" policy, is unknown.

The time of the cabinet meeting passed today without a single word to indicate any developments or any change in the submarine crisis, which is generally recognized as being a crisis in the fullest extent of the term.

As the members of the cabinet came to attend the session behind closed doors, it was learned that the majority of them had received no information concerning the president's plans, nor could it be learned when they emerged whether or not such information had been conveyed to them.

The main definite development of the day in diplomatic circles came in the flat statement by Secretary Lansing that no communication has been sent Germany.

This statement followed the persistent rumor that the United States had served upon Germany a notice of intention and attitude which could be construed as a warning.

However, Lansing's unequivocal denial disposed of this rumor and it was then felt that there might be no radical change in the situation during the day.

Mr. Lansing absolutely declined to be questioned as to whether any communication has been handed to the German ambassador, Count von Bernstorff. Yet in official circles there is a hint that some action has been taken of which hitherto there has been no intimation. This hint, though concerning only some supposed minor note, is seeming to command attention.

A small group of neutral diplomats here have gathered the impression that America's course will be delayed until next week. There is, however, nothing tangible to support this opinion.

Norway Stops Steamer Traffic; Shortage of Fuel Serious Problem

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 2.—Despatches to Lloyds say that the Norwegian steamers Portia and Hecla have been sunk and their crews landed. The steamer Ravensbourne, which is unlisted and about which nothing is known, has been sunk and three of the crew lost.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Feb. 2.—Daily sailings of liners and freighters between Norwegian ports and England were stopped today. The postoffice department has issued an order instructing postmasters to decline to accept mail for the United States, on account of the stoppage of steamers.

The shortage of coal already looms up as a serious problem. It is feared that many factories will have to close down because of lack of fuel. The municipality of Christiania today commandeered all fuel and is putting the inhabitants on rations.

PETROGRAD, Russia, Feb. 2.—Germans dressed in white overalls are reported today to have broken through the first line of trenches at Selotvina, according to official announcement. A counter-attack drove the Teutons to their own trenches.

(Additional Telegraph News on p. 2)

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